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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 30 as follows:

30. (Amended) A wheel assembly for a compacting machine having a frame and a pair of axle assemblies mounted to the frame, comprising:

a cylindrical drum mountable for rotation on each of an opposing end of at least one of the axle assembly, said cylindrical drums being positioned on opposite sides of the frame, each of said cylindrical drums defining an inner periphery adjacent the frame and an outer periphery:

a plurality of teeth disposed circumferentially about each of the cylindrical drums, said teeth extending outwardly from the cylindrical drums a preselected distance and being disposed in a plurality of axially spaced rows with the outermost of said rows being positioned adjacent the outer periphery of each cylindrical drum and the innermost of said rows being spaced from the inner periphery a preselected distance.

Please cancel claim 26, without prejudice or disclaimer.